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Long Beach Woman Charged with Kidnapping Son

Prosecutors today filed criminal charges against a Long Beach woman who allegedly kidnapped her 12-year-old son, setting off an Amber Alert.

Sri Ann Johnston, 48 (dob 6/12/65), is charged with one count each of kidnapping and child custody deprivation in case BA422251.

Prosecutors said Johnston picked up her son March 5 for midweek visitation, but did not take him to school the next day. Johnston and her son were missing for several days before being located today in Oceanside.

The defendant was taken into custody by U.S. Marshals. She is expected to be arraigned later this week.

If convicted as charged, she faces a maximum sentence of 13 years and eight months in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

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